

## Stanislaus County Mock Trial 2011 – 12 Rules of Competition

**Event Dates** (subject to availability of courtrooms)

Trial I = Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Trial II = Thursday, January 26, 2012

Trial III = Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Awards ceremony is scheduled at the Petersen Event Center immediately following final trial III.

Ten Teams – 3 Rounds/Trials, both sides (defense and prosecution) participate in all trials.

Teams are randomly matched for Trial I and Power Matched for trials II & III.

Scoring format uses a total of raw scores for each trial (raw score is found by averaging scores in each courtroom). Win/Loss and percentage of scores will be used for matching teams.

The team with the highest amount of total overall points advances to the State Finals. If needed, tiebreaker will be as follows: win/loss record and then presiding Judge's tiebreaker form.

Every effort will be made to provide at least two scoring attorneys in each courtroom in each trial.

### **Additional Rules**

**“No-show”** registered teams forfeit the trial. The opposing team receives an average of points received in the two other trials.

Any student caught defacing or removing courthouse property will be disqualified from competition and reported to court authorities who have stated that they **will** prosecute.

All trials are open to spectators as long as seating is available.

Video taping, audio taping, and/or pictures during trials will not be allowed unless prior approval has been obtained from the Event Coordinator.

The glass area in the courthouse basement jury room is reserved for the previous year's winning team.

Any issues or allegations that arise during competition will be reviewed and responded to by the Mock Trial event committee.